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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FAC-TION ROUTED AT CONVENTION

Anti-Mabry-Commissioners crowd make clean sweep by getting complete control of organization, passing their resolutions, nominating their representative and selecting delegates to the State Convention at Curry County Democratic Convention at the court house Monday. It was almost unanimous.

When we say faction, it is only intended to apply to a weak opposition, for there really was no faction. It was too much one sided to be termed a faction. It was all but unanimous against a few who did not agree with the majority of the democratic party. It was a strong rebuke to some of those who had employed methods in Curry county which the majority of the democrats thought very undemocratic. It might be termed "steam roller" tactics, but if it was, the steam was up and the roller rolled. The engine was oiled and it worked splendidly, the track was smooth and there was no slip. In other words the Anti-Mabry Commissioners faction (better known as the democratic party of Curry county) seated all their delegates, elected their temporary chairman and secretary, elected their permanent chairman and secretary, nominated the committees, passed their set of resolutions, selected six out of seven delegates, elected their two state committeemen, named their chairman of the county central committee, and—well if there is anything else, they got that too. Every move or motion made by the opposition was promptly ruled out of order or voted down almost unanimously.

IN THE PRIMARIES.

In the primaries held Saturday to elect delegates to the county convention, the present organization named the delegates in both Clovis precincts and in a majority of the outside precincts. The issue in Clovis was principally based on the salary and tax questions, the present organization being in favor of reasonable and not high salaries. They won in a walk. In precinct nine which comprises half the city of Clovis and outlying districts, the vote of forty-four delegates was unanimous and only took about fifteen minutes to select the fourteen delegates which would be favorable to the proceedings as were later had at the county convention. In precinct one the result was the same. All the nineteen delegates on the ticket supported by the new organization crowd were elected. Thirty eight attended the primaries in precinct one and among those balloted upon on the losing ticket, Mr. Mabry is said to have received the lowest vote of the nineteen candidates. It was generally understood that Jas. Kiely, who had pledged himself to support the Anti-Commissioners crowd in their contention for reasonable salaries and lower taxes would

be nominated if that issue carried. The Texico delegation came down seven strong to reinforce the Clovis delegates and James Kelly was unanimously nominated by acclamation. In his speech of acceptance, he again pledged himself to support the issues specified in the resolution adopted and proclaimed himself a supporter of the interests of the common people. Just before adjournment, County Commissioner Roy D. Elder gained recognition of the chair, and as is his custom, when things do not proceed to suit his fancy, began a tirade of criticism and abuse, directing his remarks particularly against the clause in the resolution asking that the county printing be left to the lowest bidder instead of being dishd out as a perquisite, and against Treasurer Prof. John F. Taylor. The latter was on his feet in an instant and it looked like trouble, when the Chairman declared the speaker out of order and entertained a motion to adjourn. This was carried unanimously and the delegates left the hall leaving him still speaking.

Delegate James, who is a good fellow, took the result in good spirits, and waving his hand aloft shouted, "And let the dove of peace sail gracefully over this convention."

The new county chairman is Prof. E. H. Robinson and the secretary is W. C. Zerwer. The state committeemen selected for the ensuing term of two years are Judge Harry Patton, of Clovis and M. M. Craig, of Texico. The following delegates were elected to attend the state democratic convention: C. E. Dennis, Harry Patton, M. M. Craig, C. A. Scheurich, Jas. Kiely, W. W. Nichols and Wilkie Carter.

Following are the resolutions as unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Democrats of Curry County New Mexico, this 10th day of August 1914, in Convention assembled:

Renew our allegiance to the time honored principles of democracy. That we heartily endorse the present National administration in its entirety, and point with pride to the fact that in two short years almost all party pledges have been fulfilled and laws passed in compliance with party platform as adopted at Baltimore. That we recognize in our president, Woodrow Wilson, one of the greatest statesmen the world has ever known and endorse his every public act.

That we express our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to our

President, in his recent bereavement in the loss of his faithful wife and helpmate, and express the sincere hope that the laudable work instituted by her may be continued and that it may endure as a monument to her memory.

That we congratulate our sister state of Oklahoma in having two Democratic United States Senators of whom we are all justly proud and that to one of them—the Hon. Robert L. Owen—New Mexico owes a greater debt than she will probably ever be able to pay.

That we endorse our representative to Congress, the Hon. H. B. Fergusson.

That we endorse the administration of our Governor, the Hon. Wm. C. McDonald, and other Democratic state officers; and commend our Governor for his courage in vetoing the outrageously high salary bill and believe, and sincerely hope, he will continue to veto any high salary bill presented to him.

That our Candidate for Legislature be asked to promise:

That he will work for a County Salary Bill for reasonable salaries for all county officers, and will support no salary bill that provides for more than \$2,500 for any county officer in Curry county together with reasonable clerk hire where and when clerks are absolutely needed.

That he will do everything in his power to have the present printing bill so amended that public printing must be let to the lowest bidder instead of being handed out as "pie" as it is under present law.

That he will endeavor to pass a law giving each county the amounts collected as automobile license for their road fund.

That he will work for an amendment to present law so that each County Commissioner will be voted for only in his Commissioner District.

That he will work for a law reducing the high price for recording legal instruments.

Road Board Returns

Ed Homan and Fred W. James returned last week from Santa Fe, where they went to attend the good roads convention. They report that Curry County will get its share of funds for the improvement of roads as soon as the 4 per cent bonds are sold, but that the buyers at that rate of interest are a scarce article.

Williams is Governor

According to the latest Oklahoma election returns, which required a careful count, Williams is in the lead for Governor by a majority of only 1,600. Robertson, who alleges gross irregularities in some of the counties, has given notice that he will contest the election.

J. A. Cox, the Curry county scientific farmer was in from his farm Saturday. He says they are going to have a record breaking crop this season and that he has tried Feterita and Soudan but that he still places his faith in old reliable Milo.

EUROPEAN WAR NEWS FOR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Battles so far reported are for the most part only outpost skirmishes, although the fighting between Germans and Belgians around Liege is severe. 40,000 reported killed in one battle between French and Germans. Important decisive battles expected soon.

Ouster Proceedings on Trial

Judge J. T. McClure accompanied by district attorney K. K. Scott and court stenographer, Miss Estes, came up from Roswell on the noon train Thursday. The temporary ouster proceedings against County Clerk, A. L. Awalt, will be heard Thursday afternoon and the proceedings against County Treasurer Taylor will be heard Friday afternoon. If the court sustains the prosecution, the officers will be temporarily removed to await the jury trials at the next term of court in September. Attorneys Patton and Askren represent Taylor and Jim Hall, of Portales, represents Awalt.

The attorneys in the Awalt case, which came up for hearing at 2 o'clock filed a motion to quash, alleging that the constitution provides that an officer shall HOLD office until he is removed. Therefore, if the officer was suspended, they contend that he would not be holding the office since his successor would be appointed and hold the office until a result of a jury trial in a regular court case. The prosecution contends that, the accused would still hold the office but that he would be suspended only from performing its duties and that in name he would still be the county clerk. The court adjourned until eight o'clock Friday morning to enable the attorneys to look up the meaning of the word HOLD as it applies in the case in "Words and Phrases."

Later.—The court overruled the motion to quash and the case has proceeded to trial.

C. H. Hannum, of Melrose is in the city.

Ex-Alderman W. L. Townsend and wife of Spring Lake, Texas, are visiting in the city.

Mrs. Louise Cecil, formerly of Melrose, passed through Clovis on her way to that city after an absence of a couple of years in the East and North.

Mrs. M. I. Spears and two children arrived Sunday from Turlock, Cal., and will remain until about September when she will be joined by Mr. Spears and visit at Ft. Worth, Texas before returning to their home in California.

Mrs. W. N. Porter returned the first of the week from a visit at Alvord and Electra, Texas. Miss Minnie Porter their sister accompanied her home and will remain about a month. Mrs. Porter says that no place, on her trip, looks as good Clovis and Curry County.

The Belgians still hold the largest forts at Liege although the Germans have captured the city after losses of thousands. The Germans are attempting to move through Belgium in order to cross over the frontier into France. They are meeting with stout resistance.

The English have landed troops in France and Belgium and the three powers will unite to resist German invasion.

It has been reported from French sources that thirty thousand Germans and fifteen thousand French have been killed in battles resulting in the re-occupation of Alsace-Lorraine by the French which they lost to the Germans in 1870.

The world is amazed at the stand of the Belgians who with an army of 40,000 are able to more than check the German advance of 100,000 trained soldiers.

The Russian and Austrians are fighting desperately at the Dneister river where 12 Austrian Regiments were routed.

The Servians still hold Belgrade after an almost continuous bombardment since the breaking out of hostilities and their Army has invaded Bosnia.

The Montenegrans have invaded Austria and are attacking Scutari.

France has declared war against Austria and Serbia has declared war against Germany.

The Germans admit a heavy loss along the Russian border according to advices from English sources, but the facts are carefully concealed. It appears that each side minimizes their losses and exaggerates those of the enemy, which together with a rigid censorship makes the News of an indefinite and unreliable kind.

An English ship has been reported sunk by the German cruiser just off the Golden gates at San Francisco.

Governor McDonald Here.

Governor W. C. McDonald was in the city for a short time Monday, coming in from the East on the night train Sunday night and continuing south on the noon train Monday. He was accompanied by Dick DeGraftenreid, of Buchanan, one of the largest stock growers of the state.

Mrs. L. R. Conarty returned the first of the week from southern Texas where she has been visiting relatives the past month. Her little nephew accompanied her home. Mr. and Mrs. Conarty have moved to the Burns house and will reside there during the absence of Mrs. Frank Burns.